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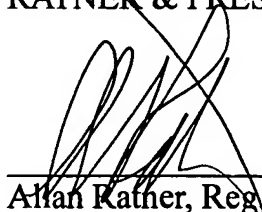
5,911,687 is an English language counterpart, and is submitted herewith.

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	1.	Japanese search report for PCT/JP01/06035 dated 10/30/01.
	2.	English translation of Form PCT/ISA/210.

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